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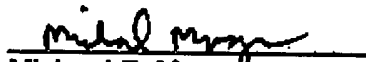
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/EP00/06035	International filing date (day/month/year) 29 June 2000 (29.06.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 30 June 1999 (30.06.99)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C09D 5/44		
Applicant BASF COATINGS AG		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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1. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-45, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1-7, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Novelty

US-A-4 512 861 describes a method for coating electroconductive substrates with a film-forming material, in which, in a first step, the substrates are immersed in a dispersion containing the film-forming material. The dispersion contains a chemical unit which as a further component of the dispersion interacts with non-ionic, hydrophilic units of a separate, surface-active component of the dispersion (e.g. at least partially hydrated polyvinyl acetate) (Claims 1-4; column 2, lines 14-24; column 3, lines 42-52; column 4, lines 13-24; column 5, lines 44-54).

Consequently, independent Claims 1, 6 and 7 are not novel over US'861.

Objection to novelty is also raised in relation to

US-A-4 134 866 (see the abstract in combination with column 7, lines 27-34 and 53-55) and in relation to

US-A-3 882 008 (see the abstract in combination with

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column 4, line 66 to column 5, first paragraph) (PCT Article 33(2)).

Industrial applicability

The requirements of PCT Article 33(4) are satisfied.